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SUBJECT- PROPOSED VISIT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

ADMINISTRATOR TRAIN

1. FOLLOWING IS MESSAGE FROM RUSSELL E. TRAIN TO AMBASSADOR
HELMS.

2. "THE SOVIET SIDE OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON CO-
OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION HAS
INDICATED THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO HOLD OUR MEETING IN
MOSCOW AT THE END OF OCTOBER. THEY HAVE INDICATED THAT
LATE NOVEMBER IS THE EARLIEST THEY CAN BE PREPARED, AND
DECEMBER 9-11 IS NOW THE TENTATIVE DATE FOR OUR JOINT
COMMITTEE MEETING. ACCORDINGLY, AILEEN AND I WOULD LIKE
TO VISIT YOU IN EARLY DECEMBER IF THAT IS CONVENIENT.
OUR TENTATIVE PLANS WOULD BE TO ARRIVE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3
VIA IRAN AIR 716 FROM LONDON AT 8:35 PM, AND DEPART
DECEMBER 8 FOR MOSCOW VIA AEROFLOT 544 AT 6:35 PM.

3. WHILE IN TEHERAN, I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ME TO
EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS WITH APPROPRIATE
IRANIAN OFFICIALS. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOUR STAFF

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COULD INVESTIGATE THIS POSSIBILITY AND, IF APPROPRIATE,

ARRANGE AN IRANIAN INVITATION FOR DISCUSSIONS WHILE I AM
IN TEHERAN. OBVIOUS POSSIBILITIES ARE PREVENTION AND
CLEANUP OF OIL SPILLS (BOTH IN EXTRACTION AND TRANSPORT),

WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, AND SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DIS-
POSAL. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO RECEIVE PRIOR INDICATION
OF TOPICS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE IRANIANS." INGERSOLL

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